

Rockcastle FFA welcomes 2002 Greenhands

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The FFA Greenhand ceremony was held in September, 2002 and, for some, it was a chance to begin new endeavors as contributing members of one of the nation's premier youth organizations. It was also a new experience that will allow them to take

a distinctive path in the beginning of their high school life. The fact of the matter is, this group of Greenhands have achieved the same standard of excellence as their predecessors.

The ceremony consisted of the annual chapter quiz and creed speaking contest. The Creed Speaking contest is a coveted, though sometimes dreaded, event that all Greenhands look to win. The Creed is five paragraphs long and makes up the basis of the FFA's long standing philosophy of success and enriching opportunities through agriculture. Participants are required to memorize and recite the entire passage in the most professional way possible. Participants this year were: Zach Hale, Karen Mink, Bobbie Sue Chandler, Alisha Smith and Derek Adams. Zach Hale took first place in the con-

test and Bobbie Sue Chandler was second.

The Quiz Contest is a match of wits between members to see who knows the most about FFA history and other important information about the organization. Many members participated, but in the end, Zach Hale once again pulled out a victory, followed by Maria Hensley in second.

During the ceremony, former chapter president and current Lincoln County advisor, Jon Adams, was on hand as the guest speaker. He discussed the many careers in agriculture and the importance of being an FFA member.

After all the speaking and competitions were over, the Greenhands received their degrees and made their membership with FFA official.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of January 23, 2003
Upcoming Events: Our school will be participating in the Six-Flags Reading Club beginning February 3. Check your child's backpack for more information.

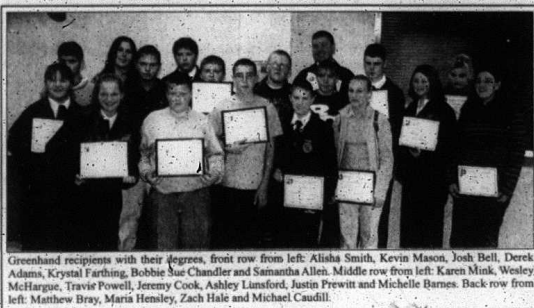
Due to the weather, our mid-term reports for 4th and 5th grade students will be moved up to Friday, January 24th.

Project Wisdom readers for last week were: Chelsea Payne, student and Rebekkah Mullins, student. Thanks to all who have participated in this project.

Our quote for this week is "Problems are only opportunities in work clothes."



Creed Speaking Contestants from left: Zach Hale, Karen Mink, Sue Chandler, Alisha Smith, and Derek Adams.



Greenhand recipients with their degrees, front row from left: Alisha Smith, Kevin Mason, Josh Bell, Derek Adams, Krystal Farthing, Bobbie Sue Chandler and Samantha Allen. Middle row from left: Karen Mink, Wesley McHargue, Travis Powell, Jeremy Cook, Ashley Linsford, Justin Prewitt and Michelle Barnes. Back row from left: Matthew Bray, Maria Hensley, Zach Hale and Michael Caudill.

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Search continues for Coca-Cola Scholars

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She ranks with over 2,000 seniors who are in the running for \$1.8 million in college scholarships being awarded by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Students are selected to advance to this next phase based on the level of excellence, leadership and achievement demonstrated in school and community activities. This year marks the fifteenth year Coca-Cola will be awarding these scholarships, providing a total of \$23 million to assist young scholars nationwide in the pursuit of their educational goals.

As semifinalists, students must submit additional information that

will be reviewed in February by a committee comprised of 27 educators from high schools and universities throughout the United States. If advanced, Amanda will be among a total of 252 finalists who will travel to Atlanta April 24-27, 2003 to attend the Coca-Cola Scholars week end. During their visit, they will attend a final interview process which will determine whether they are designated as either a National or Regional Scholar. The 52 National Scholars will each receive a \$20,000 renewable scholarship award, while the 200 Regional Scholars will receive a \$4,000 renewable scholarship.

The program was created in 1986 by the Coca-Cola Bottlers and The Coca-Cola Company to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola and to establish a legacy for the education of tomorrow's leaders through college scholarships.

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